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Early in the week prices were unchanged except in the Southern region where prices were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes with the balance unchanged. During the week in Chicago and New York prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged to higher. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to good, best where scattered feature activity was a factor. Supplies were mixed ranging generally adequate to instances close. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to mostly higher. Offerings were tight to adequate and quoted at or over the high side of the current range. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good with a few processors beginning to ponder schedules for next week. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady with most traders showing caution. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	89-91	63-65
New York	69-71	66-69	50-53
Philadelphia	61.5-69	59.5-67	44.5-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-59	56.5-58	39-40
Jackson (1)	68-69	65-66	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	66-78	62-76	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	41-46
Detroit (2)	53-56	52-55	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-60	53-59	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	57-64	55-62	40-47
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	73-77	69-72	52-54
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	85	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	63.67	61.28	45.86
SOUTHERN	57.79	55.45	39.86
MIDWEST	49.81	48.56	35.88
WESTERN	76.52	69.86	57.59
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.48	60.80	47.26

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	07-25-00	07-18-00	07-27-99
Large	36-38	27-29	53-55
Medium	22-24	16-18	19-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM July 24,2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	11.1	4.3	8.0	9.1 42.0
	Change	1.9	-2.8	0.4	0.5	0.0 0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.9	29.8	8.2	22.9	16.8 98.6
	Change	-0.2	-8.6	-0.1	1.1	0.0 -7%
Large	Curr Wk	37.7	65.1	34.5	52.0	69.4 258.7
	Change	3.3	-18.7	-0.3	0.2	1.0 -5%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.3	24.5	15.5	22.1	23.3 93.7
	Change	-2.1	-0.6	3.9	0.4	2.8 5%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	8.2	2.9	7.5	6.8 31.5
	Change	0.5	-1.7	0.9	1.2	0.5 5%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	19.7	7.0	10.4	6.2 48.1
	Change	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.6 -1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.7	56.7	17.4	30.1	34.5 161.4
	Change	-4.9	1.4	-0.2	-7.4	-4.3 -9%
Total	Curr Wk	110.0	215.1	89.8	153.0	166.1 734.0
Percent	Change	-1%	-13%	5%	-3%	0% -4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	734.0	-4%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	433.5	-11%	39

Total Shell Egg 1167.5 -7% 209
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 22-JUL-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,213,970	28,001	11,887	6,186	3,190	4,171
PW	1,253,809	27,682	12,847	6,876	3,505	4,177
LY	1,088,863	26,034	9,924	4,849	2,413	3,483
% PW	-3	1	-7	-10	-9	0
% LY	11	8	20	28	32	20
2000	33,755,995	763,135	340,645	182,720	85,421	111,723
1999	31,490,498	726,513	304,647	166,886	76,354	98,929

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 41.39 41.14 40.68

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 22-JUL-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT PW	CHANGE FROM LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.4	3	1
E.N. CENTRAL	497.0	-2	10
W.N. CENTRAL	262.2	5	16
S. ATLANTIC	186.1	0	0
S. CENTRAL	75.6	-1	9
WEST	193.8	-6	0
TOTAL	1,433.1	0	7
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	JUL 15	JUL 22	JUL 15	JUL 22
	Thousand			
AL	28,587	28,670	20,645	20,859
AR	30,353	29,752	23,772	23,887
DE	4,145	3,989	5,752	5,075
FL	2,876	2,720	2,396	2,373
GA	29,669	30,458	*23,522	23,956
MD	8,474	8,328	5,617	5,375
MS	18,013	18,168	14,461	14,650
NC	17,236	17,886	14,305	13,325
PA	*3,673	3,061	*2,846	2,557
SC	4,850	4,747	4,138	4,222
TX	13,320	13,162	11,486	9,776
VA	6,464	6,256	5,460	5,185
CA, TN, & WV	11,052	10,764	10,059	9,435
15 State Total	*178,712	177,961	*144,459	140,675
Previous Year	182,678	181,666	145,196	143,251
	98	98	99	98

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 2-Sep-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.84 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 07/20/00-07/26/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.00	50.00	43.50	44.00	46.00	—	60.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	40.33	44.00	7.00
GNR W 3	31.00	—	31.50	33.00	31.50	—	4.50
GL W XL	—	51.43	48.50	50.50	46.32	—	25.50
GL W LG	—	52.79	46.60	47.00	49.49	52.00	26.75
GL W MD	—	33.00	32.25	33.00	30.25	31.00	11.00
GL W SM	20.75	22.63	20.30	22.00	—	—	3.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	33.00	35.19	35.87	21.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-JUL-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	17.0	18.9	-10	-36
BOSTON	4.0	3.6	11	5
CHICAGO	40.8	52.1	-22	5
DETROIT	32.8	26.0	26	50
KANSAS CITY	3.1	2.9	7	3
LOS ANGELES	101.1	106.7	-5	25
NEW ORLEANS	9.3	11.0	-15	0
NEW YORK	34.8	34.4	1	-7
ST. LOUIS	17.8	14.8	20	87
SAN FRANCISCO	21.2	22.2	-5	16
TOTAL	281.9	292.6	-4	13
4 WK MVG AVG	275.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-JUL-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,147	2,904	21	10	5,082
AVG WT	15.71	33.11	22.13	25.64	25.70
LAST WEEK	2,223	2,925	36	15	5,199
YR AGO	4,604(B)		29	37	4,670
AVG WT	25.19(B)		24.31	26.11	25.20
TO-DATE/2000	132,202(B)		546	869	133,617
TO-DATE/1999	135,938(B)		408	972	137,318

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS				WEEK ENDING 22-JUL-2000			
—YOUNG TURKEYS—				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG		RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		—THOUSAND	HEAD—		WT
N EAST	848	-1	22.18	(A)	(A)	850	22.18
S ATL	837	-9	27.40	(A)	(A)	839	27.40
N CENT	2,413	-1	28.26	(A)	(A)	2,415	28.26
S CENT	550	-13	20.81	(A)	(A)	552	20.81
WEST	424	28	21.15	(A)	(A)	426	21.15
U.S.TOTAL	5,072(B)	-2	25.70	0	10	5,082	25.71

TO DATE

2000 132,582(B) 166 869 133,617

TO DATE

1999 136,291(B) 55 972 137,318

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 546,000; last year to date 408,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Jul-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,155(A)	1,959	1,609	3,568	400
AVG WT	4.92	3.45	8.09	5.54	6.49
LAST WEEK	161,559	1,882	1,428	3,310	455
YR AGO	155,059	2,217	1,507	3,724	456
AVG WT	4.90	3.35	8.08	5.27	6.25
TO-DATE/2000	4,479,024	56,984	40,635	97,619	13,002
TO-DATE/1999	4,389,722	62,846	39,396	102,242	12,860

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.1 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jul-00

	CURRENT WEEK 07/29/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/22/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	160,427(2)	161,229
LT HENS	1,809	1,862
HVY HENS	1,731	1,665
TOTAL	163,967	164,756

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jul-00 is 157.6 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.7 million head or 3.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 05-Aug-00 the estimated available is 157.9 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	17	161.7	158.5	102	4.90
	24	161.6	158.8	102	5.03
JULY	1	167.0	158.7	105	5.01
	8	137.3	157.7	87	4.98
	15	137.3	157.4	87	4.98
	22	160.1	157.4	102	4.92
YEAR TO DATE		4,370.1	4,306.1	101	
JULY	29		157.6		
AUGUST	5		157.6		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
24-Jul-00	17-Jul-00	17-Jul-00	26-Jul-99	
56.25	-0.26	56.51	57.17	

NUMBER OF LOADS 653

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 07/24-07/28/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	49.30	44	51.96	80
Los Angeles	65.00	64.25	55	62.40	108
New York	49.00-52.00	50.18	28	54.20	74

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	69-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 24-Jul-00	3,800	161,394	95,092
AM 1-Jul-00	3,234	150,279	93,719
CHG	566	11115	1373
PCT CHG	18	7	1

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

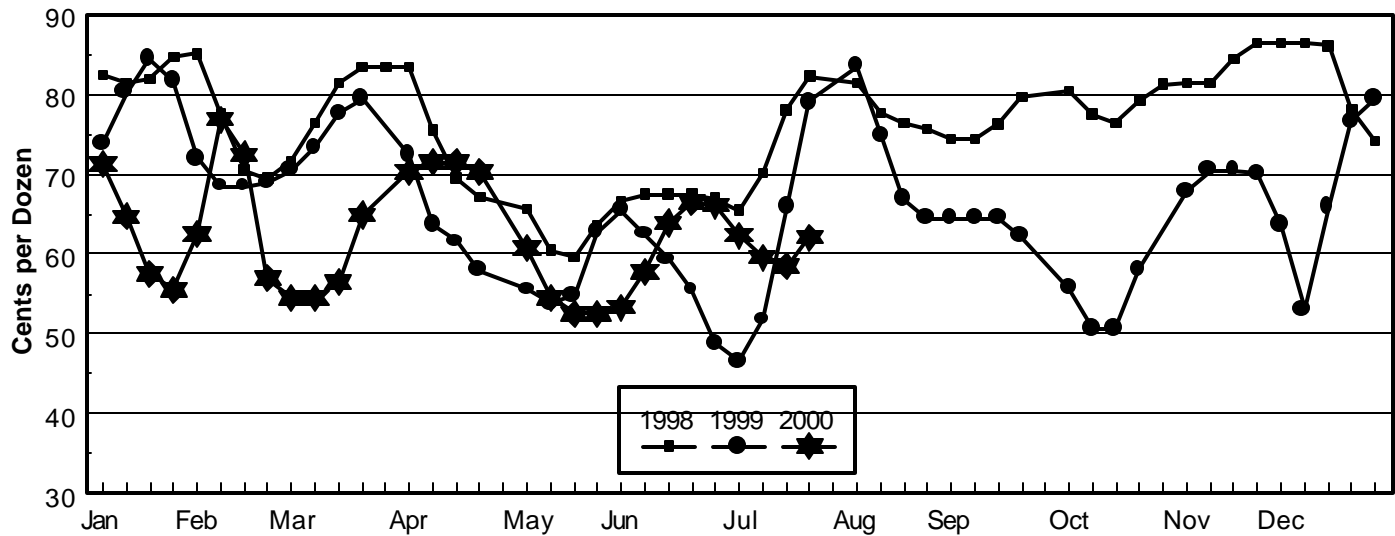
HEAVY TYPE			
07/24/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	3-14(1)	3-7	5.66
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	5-12(1)	6-9	7.24
07/21/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0 (2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading
(2) At Farm Producer Loading

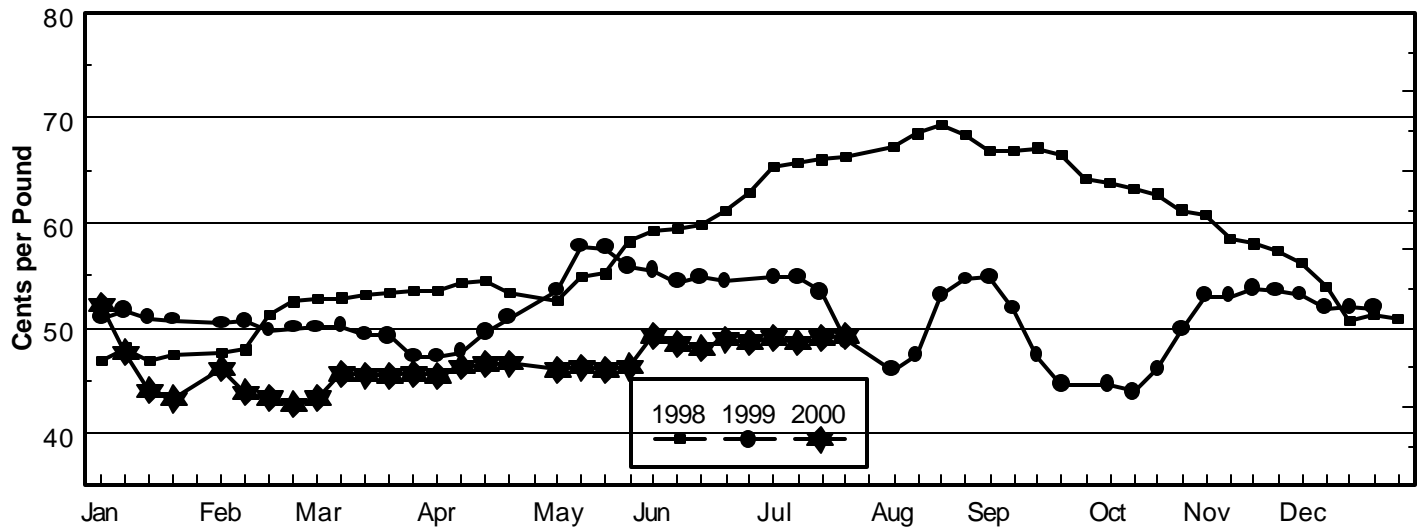
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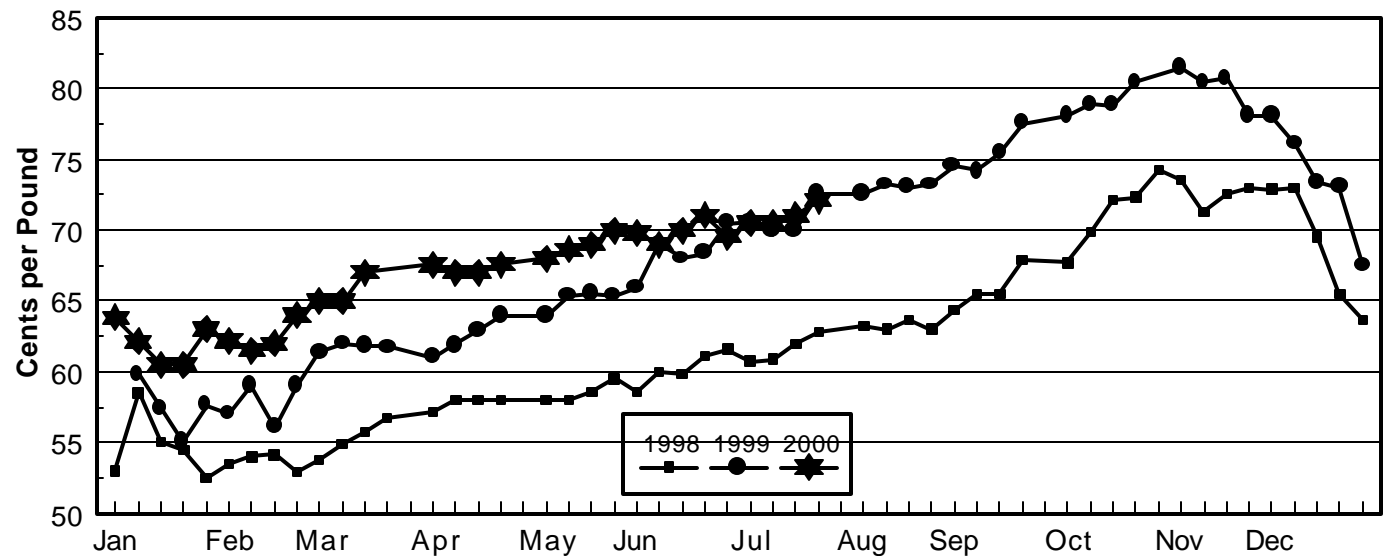
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.